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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - NUCLEAR WEAPONS
1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JUNE 12 ON REPORTED STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT PARK THAT ROK COULD DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. QUOTE.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT PARK THAT KOREA MAY DEVELOP A NUCLEAR WEAPON?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN THIS REPORT. I CAN ONLY COMMENT THAT THE U.S. EXPECTS ALL NPT PARTIES TO OBSERVE THEIR TREATY COMMITMENTS.

BACKGROUND: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH COLUMNIST ROBERT NOVAK, PRESIDENT PARK REPORTEDLY STATED THAT KOREA HAS THE CAPA-

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BILITY TO GO NUCLEAR BUT IS NOT DEVELOPING IT AND IS HONORING THE NPT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "IF THE U.S. NUCLEAR UMBRELLA WERE TO BE REMOVED, WE HAVE TO START DEVELOPING OUR NUCLEAR CAPABILITY TO SAVE OURSELVES." UNQUOTE.

2. JUNE 12 NCON BRIEFING NOT HELD. KISSINGER